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Art Unit : 3764
Paper No. : 4
Examiner : Fenn C. Mathew
Our Case : P70501
Title : Exercise Apparatus for Simulating Skating
Movement

Dear Sirs:

The applicant would like the opportunity of scheduling a telephone interview with the Examiner to discuss the objections raised in the office action. In this regard, the applicant's attorney will be contacting the Examiner to arrange for a mutually convenient time to discuss this case shortly.

In anticipation of the oral interview, and to assist the Examiner in the better understanding of the applicant's position, enclosed please find a written summary of the applicant comments distinguishing the claimed invention over the cited prior art.

Enclosed is a copy of an amendment transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile, at Fax No. (703) 872-9302 on March 2, 2004, in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004.

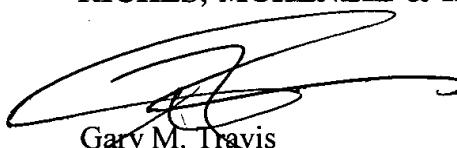
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If necessary, it is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136 that the response term in this application be extended to a date which includes the filing date of the present AMENDMENT.

Respectfully submitted,

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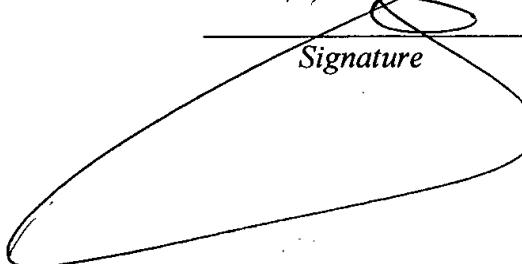

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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In response to the non-final office action mailed January 14, 2004, the applicant provides the following written comments/argument in reply to the Examiner's objections.